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### **Trinity Staff**

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### **Trinity's Sunday Schedule:**

Worship with Holy Communion  
at 8:30 and 11am

Choir at 9:25 in choir loft

All Sunday School classes 9:45

Parent Small Group or Infant/Toddler  
Small Group 10am

#### **\*Holiday Sunday Services\***

**December 24, Christmas Eve**  
10am, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm

**December 31 - 8:30 & 11am**

# January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 & 11am <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Family Ministry Boredom Buster 4-6pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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\*As our parking lot fills up with snow and on especially busy holidays, our parking spaces become limited and considerations for the elderly, families with very small children, and visitors need to be made. If you are able, please consider parking across the street in Faith Temple's parking lot!



# FAMILY MINISTRY

All families with children infant through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us!

## **Winter Break Boredom Buster**

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm-8pm**

It's the middle of Winter Break and there's nowhere to go. The kids are bored and you're ready to get out of the house. Well, come on down to Trinity and join us for our Boredom Buster event! We'll have dinner, play games, and watch a movie. It'll be lots of fun and a great break for your Winter Break!! Sign up on our Facebook event page or email Heidi at hmfuerst@aol.com if you can come. ☺



## **Our Family Loves Mosaics Together!**

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30pm-2pm**

We will once again use our hands to create a work of love—making mosaics in memory of my father, Gerhard Fuerst. He loved making mosaics and hopefully you will, too! As usual, lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on our Facebook event page or email me.

### **Parent Small Group:**

Dates: Sundays, January  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 10am-10:40am

### **Infant & Toddler Small Group:**

**Dates:** Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

## **\*\*Head's Up Announcement: KSO Concert in March**

Coming in March 2024, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra is hosting a special musical event, called **Magical Melodies**. Trinity has a bunch of seats blocked off and we will watch the orchestra perform music from Harry Potter and many other famous classical tunes. The concert is on **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Miller Auditorium**. Tickets cost \$5 a piece.

### **Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Sharon Kokales, Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Vicky Phillips, Ruth Krueger, Jody Wood, Barb Hogg, Dontrea, Ja'Miha and Skye, Dakota Ramirez, Matt Jaeky, Robyn Cassell, Matthew Belleville, Carolyn Bayerkohler, Samantha and Donnie Drew, Debra Wedge.



**Please note the church building and office will be closed for  
the holidays December 25 – 30!**

**Office hours will be limited the week of January 1-6, please  
call ahead if you need access to the building.  
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## Worship and Faith Formation

### **Scripture and Sandwiches** *(Please note, there will be no class sessions on Dec. 28 or Jan. 4)*

Join Pr. Jake each Thursday from 12-12:30 for a short bible study and conversation about scripture over lunch! We'll meet via Zoom to look at the history, purpose, and story of the bible so we can better understand God's activity in the world and our lives. Follow the link in our weekly emails or use the meeting ID and passcode below to join in from wherever you are!

Meeting ID: 821 5743 3849 Passcode: Lunchtime

**Men's Bible Study** meets throughout the year, every other week on Wednesday mornings at 7am in the church Fellowship Hall! January dates will be January 10 & 24. All are welcome to join them for breakfast and bible study.

**Rebecca Circle** Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. The next Circle meeting will be at Trinity on Wednesday, January 24 at 10am.

**No Wednesday Services on Dec. 27 and Jan 3** The Wednesday Evening worship service will be taking a break for the Christmas holiday so there will be no services those Wednesdays. Virtual services will resume in January and be available to view on our YouTube channel.

**Name Tags!** As a way to help remove any obstacles for our community to connect, we'll have name tags available on Sunday morning and are encouraging everyone (even the pastors!) to jot your name on a tag and wear it each Sunday through January.

## Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Welcome Team	Lectors	Acolytes
<b>Jan 7</b>	<b>8:30</b>		Teri Koretsky, Beth Belleville	Steve Bittner	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	<b>11:00</b>		Connie Ruch, Liz Morison	Linda Ward	Frederick Thurn, Miriam Greenman
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Joyce Magerlein	Jason Grubaugh, Trudi Giffin	Arlen Gullickson	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Kent-Bracken	Mark & Erin Sutherland	Nancy Diment	Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmermann
<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>8:30</b>		Tim & Jen Gatz	Nicole Shugars	Avner & Jaxon Grubaugh
	<b>11:00</b>	Holly Wohlfert	Karen Jachym, Jan Shugars	Holly Wohlfert	Miriam Greenman, Evelyn Sutherland
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>8:30</b>		Arlen & Janet Gullickson	Jen Gatz	Avery & Nolan Fowler
	<b>11:00</b>	Holly Wohlfert	Holly Wohlfert, Sheree Sorensen	Marianne Fuerst	Kiley & Calico Morris

**Free Online Learning Opportunity through our Synod!** Join Rev. Dr. Joy Schroeder for a six-week study of Christian women through the ages starting on January 16, 2024! Rev. Schroeder is an ELCA pastor, and a Professor of Church History at Capital University, where she teaches in the Department of Religion and Philosophy and at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. The class, titled, *Six Women from Church History that You Need to Know About* is offered online free of charge through the North/West Lower Synod and will delve into the struggles and accomplishments of six exemplary women from church history.

The class will meet on six consecutive Tuesday evenings: January 16 through February 20 from 7:00 – 8:15pm ET via Zoom. This course is open to all adults, both laypeople and rostered ministers, and is free of charge. Sessions will be recorded and available to registered participants. Registration is required at the link below and will close on January 5 2024.

Additional information, including Zoom links, will be sent via email closer to the start of the course. If you have additional questions, please contact the synod office at [communications@mittensynod.org](mailto:communications@mittensynod.org). Register here today! <https://tinyurl.com/2587p3tb>

### Christian Education

**Sunday School Help** - Sunday school attendance continues to grow and we are need of more adults to help in classrooms during the education hour. This doesn't require a weekly commitment! We need substitutes as well as regular volunteers. Please contact the Pastors or our Christian Education team - Ashley Wineland and Sally Morris - if you'd like to get involved teaching our faith to Trinity's youngest members.

*\*\*There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.  
Enjoy the holidays and see everyone in the New Year!\*\**

### Service Ministry

**Red Cross Blood Drive!** Trinity is be hosting a blood drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross on **Wednesday January 17th from 11:30-4:30pm**. Donations are urgently needed and we want to have a great turnout from Trinity Members and Friends, so whether you've given before, or you're a first timer, please plan to come out to make a difference in the lives of those in need!

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc2esam4> and look for the Trinity Kalamazoo Drive or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to sign up today!

**Personal Care Item Donations Needed** As part of our care for our neighbors in need, the Christ Clothes closet is expanding its offerings to include personal care items. Items needed are dish soap, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent (both single and multi load containers), feminine care products, deodorant and other like items. Please consider adding these items to your shopping list as a way to share the love of Christ with our neighbors. Donations can be brought to the church weekdays during office hours or Sunday mornings.



**Good Samaritan Fund Need** Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is the fund that enables us to meet the needs of those in our community during some of their most difficult moments. This fund is generated entirely through the generosity of our congregation. These funds go toward electric bills, rent, and other essentials when our neighbors are facing utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or seeking to get into housing. Due to a sustained time of high demand this fund balance is running low. If you find yourself in a position to be able to give, any gift is greatly appreciated. Simply designate the gift to the "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line of your check or give online under the "giving" tab on our website [www.tlckzoo.com](http://www.tlckzoo.com).

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** - Our final tally of shoeboxes was 60 so we met our goal! Here is the breakdown of what we sent.

Age	Boys	Girls
2-4	6	6
5-9	10	13
10-14	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>
	29	31

Once again, I thank the generous people at Trinity! A Thrivent grant also allowed us to fill 20 boxes this year with the aid of the congregation who paid for postage and handling. How happy you will make 60 children! Remember to pray for the children receiving the boxes and the many people who will be packing and transporting the boxes to various places around the world. A number of the boxes were sent with a "Follow your box" label so I hope to hear soon where our boxes went. God bless you, every one! - Linda Ward

**El Sol Elementary Outreach:** El Sol Elementary School is just a few blocks away from Trinity and as their partners in serving the neighborhood, we want to show our support for their teachers, students and families! We will be collecting all the items listed below at Trinity; please drop off during the week (M-Th, 9-2) or on a Sunday! Thanks for your help in building a stronger connection with our neighborhood school!

Kids Clothes Needed - It's time to clean out your kids' closets! El Sol Elementary has asked for help with supplying some of their students with winter clothes and gear. They plan to utilize Trinity's Christ Clothes Closet, but to be the most helpful, we need to make sure we have a good supply of clothes. Will you consider helping us spread the word and donating your kids' clothes here?

School Supplies - Backpacks, crayons, standard washable school markers (Crayola) and plastic two pocket folders. These donations will be collected at Trinity.

Teachers Breakroom - non-perishable items like chips, candy, granola bars, microwave popcorn, drinks, ground coffee, and K-cups.



Trinity Lutheran Church sends out weekly emails to update our congregation on upcoming events, ongoing projects, volunteer opportunities, changes to our schedule, and links to our online services. Sign up with our QR code for the most up to date information available!

## Fellowship and Events

**Stew and Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew Competition!** Come out on Saturday January 20th from 5:00-6:30 for Trinity's inaugural Stew & Brew Chili Cook-off and Homebrew competition! Bring your favorite homemade chili, cornbread, show off your homebrewing skills or just come out and enjoy some warmth and fellowship on a cold winter day! Cooks and brewers are invited to arrive around 4:30, with the tastings beginning at 5:00. This will be a people's choice competition so all styles of chili and home-brewed beverages are welcome! Contact Harry Jachym (hjachym@gmail.com) with any questions!

### **Family Ministry Winter Break Boredom Buster - Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm-8pm**

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**Dungeons & Dragons Group** – Trinity has a group of adventurers (highschoolers & adults) that meet at church for ongoing campaigns. If you are interested in joining the group, contact the church office for more information. (And if you have a middle-schooler that is interested in learning the game or wants to join a campaign, please let the church office know; if enough interest is shown we can start a middle school group as well)

**Meeting of the Women** – All women of all ages are invited to join us for a relaxed time of fellowship and friendship. On **January 11 from 6-8** we'll gather at Presidential Brewing (8302 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002). Come as you're able and stay as long as you like!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Trinity Decorations** - There is another upcoming opportunity to help with Christmas decorations at Trinity: **Sunday January 7** after late service - We need to take down and put away all Christmas decorations. If you can help, please contact Jen Gatz at gatzjen@gmail.com or 269-993-2301 (text/call).

**Quilters - Helping Hands Needed!!** To sew or not to sew??? Often folks who would like to volunteer for the Quilters group are concerned that they need to know how to sew. Far from it! We meet on the morning of the fourth and fifth Thursdays of the month, January through October (including a break for coffee and a nosh!) to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We need people to lay out a 6 by 8 pattern of precut squares (no sewing!) (volunteers who sew will take these home to sew into tops.) The next job is to pin all the edges of the "sandwich" (a bottom, a layer of batting and a top) (again, no sewing!). This is then passed to a table where the layers are tied together using a needle and yarn. (no sewing!) Finally, the quilt goes to one of the sewing machines for finishing. Some of our regular crew have moved away and some can no longer help due to poor health. Please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. For information, contact Teri at [tkoretsky44@yahoo.com](mailto:tkoretsky44@yahoo.com) or by phone: 269-567-4238.

**Bicycle Project for El Sol & Trinity** - Do you have old bicycles at home that you no longer use or bikes that need repair? Would you consider donating them for a project we're working on for both Trinity and El Sol Elementary? The final goal is to repair and donate bikes for kids at El Sol. We have a few bikes already, and we're looking for more... broken bikes are welcome... because we're going to learn how to fix them!

**Fix-a-palooza Workshop! Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 11 AM – 3 PM!** Open Roads is going to teach volunteers from Trinity how to repair donated bicycles. Open to adults and teens who are interested in learning bicycle repair and maintenance and helping get the bikes in shape for El Sol. Contact Vicar Megan if you want to learn more. If we have more people interested than spots available, we'll schedule another Fix-a-palooza Workshop... so also let Vicar Megan know if you are interested but unavailable on Jan 27.

**Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!** Please consider signing in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. If you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a host. But remember, it need not be fancy; store-bought cookies, snacks and other treats are great too!

**Green Team at Trinity!** Are you a person who cares about stewardship of our resources and how we care for creation or are interested in learning more about this? If so, you are invited to be a part of forming a "Green Team" here at Trinity! The group will plan to meet for the first time on Sunday January 28th during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45). If you think you might like to be a part of this or would like to know more, contact Pr. Jake.

**Thrivent Members!** If you have access to a Thrivent Action Grant, please consider applying to use one for Trinity! We are looking for grants to help with several fellowship and outreach opportunities. Let the church office know if you are willing to help.

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The **2024 Annual Meeting will take place on February 4, 2024** where we will vote in Church Council representatives for the following positions:

Congregational Life, Worship & Music and a Youth Representative. Please prayerfully consider if you would be willing to serve on our Church Council for a two-year term.

*And if you have not filled out a Time and Talent sheet recently, please take a moment to fill this out (included on page 12) and return to the church office or speak with one of our Council members to see about opportunities to help serve our community!*

We will also vote on the updates to our Constitution and Bylaws. A copy of the updated Constitution for all who wish to read through the updates before February can be found in the church office or linked in our weekly emails.





## Cultivating a Community Connection between Trinity and El Sol Elementary

Megan Floyd | Internship Project 2023-2024

*Pastoral interns in the ELCA traditionally engage in a special project for their internship site. After getting to know you these last few months and listening to the leadership here, I've designed my project to focus on nurturing and growing the relationship between Trinity and El Sol Elementary. I'm excited to share this proposal with the broader congregation! I invite you to ask me questions about this and to jump into wherever you think you feel called to participate.*

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*Cultivating a Community Connection:* Relationships are more than grand gestures and one-off events. Whether between people or organizations, a true relationship requires a continual nurturing of the connection.

*This project will, therefore, focus on opportunities, both small and large, for Trinity Lutheran Church to build a connection with El Sol Elementary as a trusted resource and good neighbor.*

- I. Holiday Food Support for Thanksgiving [COMPLETED]
  - a. Provide El Sol with (10) \$50 gift cards to Meijer [big box grocery store] for families with the highest need, as identified by Dr. Wilson, principal, and Ms. Perla, CIS Coordinator. The cards were delivered on **Nov. 17**, along with an invitation to Trinity's other assistance opportunities [food pantry and free clothes closet] and our regular worship services.
- II. School Supply Needs
  - a. Dr. Wilson and Ms. Perla identified an ongoing need for backpacks, crayons, standard washable markers, and plastic two-pocket folders. **(Date ongoing)**
    - i. We will set up a collection point in the church and advertise this need. Donations will be gathered and brought to the school once a month.
- III. Clothing Connection with Trinity's Christ Clothes Closet
  - a. El Sol's kids need winter clothes and gear, per Dr. Wilson and Ms. Perla.
    - i. Hold a Clothing Drive for kid's clothes, socks, underwear, and winter gear in all kid sizes. Church members are asked to share this need in their wider circles so we can begin stockpiling clothes in advance of the January event date.
    - ii. A special Friday evening of "shopping," pizza, and games for El Sol families, complete with Spanish language translators. This evening will be held on a Friday after school because the school has existing after-school programming and dinner on Mon-Thur. **[Friday, January 12, 2024]**
      1. Ms. Perla requested that we have two sessions on **Jan 12**; a morning session from **10AM – Noon**, and a later session from **4PM – 7PM**. The pizza and games will only be offered at the later session.
- IV. Bicycles for Literacy Night Raffle
  - a. Step one... hold a bike drive within the congregation and invite members to reach out to their neighbors and places of employment to participate. New bikes are wonderful, but we are also seeking used bikes that may or may not need repairs and tune-ups. The bikes will be repaired and tuned up and donated to El Sol to raffle off at their Literacy Night in March.

- b. Step two... Fix-a-palooza Workshop at the Open Roads Bike Program shop on **Jan 27, 2024, from 11 AM - 3 PM**: 6-7 Volunteers (adults and/or high school youth) from Trinity spend 3-4 hours at the Open Roads shop learning how to fix the bikes that were donated. This is an opportunity to both learn bicycle repair and maintenance and help get the bikes in shape for El Sol. We'll provide lunch. *If we have more than 7 volunteers who want to participate in the Fix-a-palooza workshop, we can schedule a second date.*
    - i. The cost for this workshop will be \$250 for the Open Roads staff and likely not more than \$250 for additional parts needed for the repairs. (\$500 total) We can use a Thrivent grant for the parts.
  - c. Step three... deliver the collected and repaired bikes to El Sol in time for Literacy Night in March 2024.
    - i. Locate a source for helmets and bike locks before March so the raffle winners will be able to ride their new bikes around safely and securely.
- V. Further possibilities...
- a. End-of-School Carnival at Trinity with a parade of bikes, and maybe more bikes to raffle if we experience an abundance of donations and people getting training in bike repair. Invite Open Roads to be part of the event.
  - b. Hold a fundraiser event to raise \$2,000 to sponsor the Open Roads *Earn-a-Bike Program* at El Sol. This program combines the practical skills of bike maintenance and repair with social-emotional learning.
    - i. This is likely a project where the fundraising might happen while I'm still at Trinity, but the programming between El Sol and Open Roads would be for the 2024-2025 school year.
    - ii. *Ms. Perla at El Sol is very interested in this and in establishing a relationship with Open Roads as a possible organization for other events at El Sol. I've connected her to Open Roads leadership so they can begin that connection process.*

#### A bit about the Open Roads Bike Program...

Open Roads is, at its core, a non-profit youth development program funded by grants. At the simplest level, any child is welcome to come to the shop with their bike during open shop hours (Thursdays & Fridays), and they will teach that child how to fix their bike – no charge for the labor or the parts. They also help parents teach their children how to ride a bike, including bike safety and road rules.

\*Adults are also welcome to come in for help with their repairs, but they ask adults to pay for the parts used for repairs.

On a deeper level, interested youth can become apprentice bicycle mechanics starting at age 14. As they grow and learn, they move from learning with a trainer who diagnoses the repairs and teaches them how to fix the bike to be able to diagnose and repair it for themselves. Youth who continue to be interested can be hired on as teaching staff who both fix bikes that come into the shop and go into the field to teach others with the guidance of the Open Roads senior staff. Field opportunities include community events and the Earn-a-Bike program held at schools and other youth organizations.

Beyond that, Open Roads has a Youth Advisory Board – a group of youth who have shown aptitude for leadership who then serve on the board of this organization and engage in further leadership development opportunities.

## Opportunities to participate in building this Community Connection

\*Please contact Megan Floyd (intern@tlckzoo.com) if you would like to participate in any of the ways listed below. I am happy to talk more and provide further details for any of these opportunities.

### I. School Supply Needs

- a. Are any artists out there interested in decorating a box for this collection?
- b. Donate backpacks, crayons, standard washable markers, and plastic two-pocket folders – easy to pick up a few items each time you shop... it adds up over time!

### II. Clothing Connection with Trinity's Christ Clothes Closet

- a. Reach out to your friends and neighbors to share the need for donated clothes and winter gear.
- b. Volunteer with the clothes crew to help sort the (hopefully abundant) donations.
- c. Volunteer for either the morning **[10 AM – Noon]** or later **[4 PM – 7 PM]** shopping session on **Jan 12, 2024**.
  - i. Spanish speakers are especially needed (bilingual staff from El Sol are also planning to attend).
  - ii. We are looking for people who can help set up the pizza dinner and people to play simple games with the kids while the parents shop during the later session. *Teenagers are also welcome to volunteer!*
  - iii. Do you have simple games where language isn't a barrier? Can we borrow them?
- d. Thrivent Members – seeking two! We could use a grant to provide dinner at the later session. We could use another grant to purchase new socks and underwear for the kids.

### III. Bicycles for Literacy Night Raffle

- a. Bike drive! Do you have any bicycles to donate? Can you help us share this need with your connections beyond Trinity?
- b. Be part of the Fix-a-palooza Workshop on **Jan 27, 2024, from 11 AM - 3 PM**: We are seeking 6-7 Volunteers (adults and/or high school youth) who are interested in repairing the donated bikes under the guidance of the Open Roads staff.
  - i. *If we have more than 7 volunteers who want to participate in the Fix-a-palooza workshop, we can schedule a second date.*
- c. Thrivent Members – seeking two! We can use one Thrivent Grant card to pay for the parts we need for the repairs. We can use another grant card to purchase new helmets and bike locks.

## TIME AND TALENT SHEET

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ☐ Sunday School Teacher or substitute
- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ Women of the ELCA
- ☐ Substitute or assist in the nursery
- ☐ Serve on committee

### FAMILY MINISTRY

- ☐ Helper

### STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

- ☐ Member mailings
- ☐ Temple talks
- ☐ Serve on committee

### YOUTH

- ☐ Helper
- ☐ Fund raising coordinator
- ☐ Serve on committee

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- ☐ Sunday Coffee hour
- ☐ Help with Meals/Fellowship events
- ☐ Plan and organize events
- ☐ Help with Funeral lunches
- ☐ Serve on committee

### OFFICE

- ☐ Assistance
- ☐ Video assistance

### PROPERTY

- ☐ Project Coordinator
- ☐ Carpentry
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Special cleaning projects
- ☐ Yard work
- ☐ Serve on committee

### SERVICE MINISTRY

- ☐ SWELL (Sharing With Everyone Lutheran Love)
- ☐ Loaves & Fishes food pantry
- ☐ Quilting
- ☐ Christ Clothes Closet
- ☐ Good Samaritan Fund volunteer
- ☐ Serve on committee

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

- ☐ Acolyte/Worship Assistant  
(8:30 service or 11:00 service?)
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Help with Christmas/seasonal  
decorations in the sanctuary
- ☐ Greeter and Usher/Hospitality Team  
(8:30 service or 11:00 service?)
- ☐ Instrumentalist
- ☐ Read Scripture (8:30 service or 11:00 service?)
- ☐ Serve on committee

- ☐ I am a Thrivent member
- ☐ I am willing to use Thrivent grants to help fund church projects.



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